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RESPONSE

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed January 24, 2002, Applicants hereby elect Group I, together with the species of Example 1, namely N-{3-[2-(4-aminoiminomethylphenyl)ethoxy]phenyl}benzenesulfonamide x HCl. The elections are made with traverse.

It is not clear why a Restriction Requirement has issued in the present application. The present case is derived from a PCT application, in that it is a continuing application of application Serial No. 08/894,833 which is derived from PCT International Application PCT/SE97/001150 filed June 26, 1997 (now U.S. Patent No. 6,221,898).

Article 27(1) PCT reads as follows:

"No national law shall require compliance with requirements relating to the form or contents of the International Application different from or additional to those which are provided for in this Treaty and the Regulations."

No restriction requirement was made in parent application Serial No. 08/894,833. It is not clear therefore why a restriction requirement has been made in the present application. Moreover, review of the claims reveals that there is a common link in relation to the alleged inventions, in that they are tied together by virtue of the fact that they relate to the novel and inventive compounds as claimed in Claim 1. For all of the above reasons, it is clear that the outstanding Restriction Requirement and Election of Species Requirement should be withdrawn. Such action is respectfully requested.

Favorable action on this application is awaited.

Respectfully submitted,

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